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For:	METHOD OF MAKING TIRE COMPONENT		

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

December 18, 2001

Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

4. (Amended) A method of making a tire rubber component according to claim 1, wherein the tire rubber component is a tread rubber or a sidewall rubber, and the thicknesses of the unvulcanized rubber strips are in a range of from 0.5 to 2.0 mm.

5. A method of making a tire rubber component according to claim 1, wherein the tire rubber component is a bead apex rubber, and the thicknesses of the unvulcanized rubber strips are in a range of from 0.5 to 4.0 mm.

REMARKS

The amendment to the claims is merely to delete improper multiple dependencies and to place the application into better form for examination. Entry of the present amendment and favorable action on the above-identified application are earnestly solicited.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the application by this Amendment.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachments

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

The claims have been amended as follows:

4. (Amended) A method of making a tire rubber component according to claim 1, [2 or 3,]wherein the tire rubber component is a tread rubber or a sidewall rubber, and the thicknesses of the unvulcanized rubber strips are in a range of from 0.5 to 2.0 mm.

5. (Amended) A method of making a tire rubber component according to claim 1, [2 or 3,]wherein the tire rubber component is a bead apex rubber, and the thicknesses of the unvulcanized rubber strips are in a range of from 0.5 to 4.0 mm.